

Application for membership

Name(s) (BLOCK CAPITALS)

Address

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Phone

Email

Membership rates

Single £ 15

Joint/family £ 20

Societies/organisations £ 25

Students/gardeners £ 5

Life £ 150

Membership runs from the 1st April. New applications received after 1st November will remain valid for a year after the following April.

Cheques should be made payable to:

The Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

I enclose a cheque for £

Or use the Standing Order Form overleaf

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Gift Aid (delete if inapplicable)

I/we am/are a UK taxpayer and wish **The Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust** to treat all subscriptions and donations

I/we make from this date as Gift Aid donations.

Consent

We will not pass your details to other organisations.

If you consent to being contacted by us, please tick the boxes below.

By post By email By phone

Signed

Date

You can opt out at any time by contacting us. 3/2020

Benefits of membership

On joining the Bucks GT you will:

- ✓ help support the Trust's key role in advising on the protection and conservation of historic parks, gardens and other designed landscapes
- ✓ help support the volunteers who undertake the research and recording work
- ✓ have the opportunity to take part in guided visits to parks and gardens, including those not open to the general public
- ✓ be able to attend the winter and spring illustrated talks by specialists on design, garden history, plants and more at the County Museum, Aylesbury HP20 2QP
- ✓ receive two Newsletters a year with articles and items of interest including information on events, reviews and research carried out by Bucks GT
- ✓ have the opportunity to be involved in the work of the Bucks GT, including conservation and planning
- ✓ help support The Gardens Trust, the only national charity dedicated to the conservation of the designed landscapes in England and Wales
- ✓ meet and work with enthusiastic amateur and professional members and other societies with similar interests on a local and national level.

website: www.bucksgardenstrust.org.uk

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Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

*To record and conserve
the gardens and parks of
historic Buckinghamshire*

*To aid in the creation and
restoration of gardens,
parks and green spaces
within the historic county*

Membership leaflet

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust (Bucks GT) was founded by volunteers in 1997 to provide a voice for the outstanding legacy of parks, gardens and other designed landscapes in the historic county — from the recognised historic locations to the lesser-known, smaller gems, hidden within the countryside.

As pressures on land continue or with changes of ownership, there is a danger that some of these special sites may fall into decline or even disappear. Our purpose is to help preserve garden heritage, through ensuring that as many sites as possible are properly researched and recorded. These reports are then published in the public domain, as well as playing a key role in increasing awareness, knowledge and enjoyment of Buckinghamshire's gardens, parks and designed landscapes.

Buckinghamshire is one of the smaller counties with few major towns: Aylesbury, the county town, and Buckingham, the historic northern market town. Also included is Slough in the south (part of the historic county) and Milton Keynes in the north, both creations of the twentieth century, along with the tail end of 'Metroland' in the south-east. It is a surprisingly rural county with a legacy of ancient family estates, some still in private hands, others now centres for business, schools or sport, with a few very special exemplars in the hands of the National Trust. There are also a number of smaller but nonetheless significant gardens that have been created in the county.

As a County Gardens Trust we are under the umbrella of The Gardens Trust, a recognised national and international organisation. We are also a member of the Buckinghamshire Local History Network, Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, Milton Keynes Arts and Heritage Alliance and the County Museum and have close links with the National Trust.

Aims of the trust

The aims of the trust are:

- ✓ to encourage a greater awareness of the history of our county's gardens, parks and designed landscapes by offering a programme of visits, talk and other events
- ✓ to research and record the historic county's gardens, parks and landscapes and ensure the reports are made public
- ✓ to foster good relations between all interested parties in the care and conservation of our historic designed landscapes
- ✓ to work with and to complement other organisations with related interests at local, national or wider levels
- ✓ to learn about the history of garden heritage through study days, training and education
- ✓ to take action when a park, garden or landscape is threatened by inappropriate development, neglect or destruction.

How you can be involved

The Bucks GT relies on volunteers. If you are interested please indicate on the Membership Application Form: you can apply for more than one area!

- Research & recording of gardens, parks & landscapes. Training given.
- Marketing and publicity.
- Education, including practical garden projects.
- Fund raising – to support research work.
- Assisting at Trust events and exhibitions.
- Public Relations/ Publicity to raise our profile.
- Administration & computer skills.
- Responding to planning applications likely to affect important historic landscapes and gardens.
- Other skills, please specify

Standing order form

To pay by standing order, please complete this form and send it to our Membership Secretary.

To the Manager: (Bank Name)

Bank Address:

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My Bank Account No:

Sort code:

Please pay to **Lloyds Bank plc**, Beaconsfield Branch

Sort Code: 30-96-54 for the credit of

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

Account No: 00912179

The sum of £ (in words)

Commencing on 20 ... And thereafter on 1st April annually until further notice.

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Date:

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Date:

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